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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a low head dam public hazard program.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
3 TLSB 6124XS 82  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 464A.11 LOW HEAD DAM PUBLIC  
1 2 HAZARD PROGRAM.  
1 3 1. The department shall establish a low head dam public  
1 4 hazard program to reduce the incidents of drowning due to  
1 5 dangers associated with coming within proximity of a  
1 6 traditionally designed low head dam, including hydraulic  
1 7 conditions or recirculating or reverse current velocity.  
1 8 2. In administering the low head dam public hazard  
1 9 program, the department shall adopt rules providing for hazard  
1 10 control objectives, which may include all of the following:  
1 11 a. Compiling an inventory of low head dams, including a  
1 12 listing of those low head dams which may require remediation.  
1 13 b. Providing for public education including placing  
1 14 notices near low head dams and along navigational trails, and  
1 15 increasing public awareness of the dangers associated with low  
1 16 head dams.  
1 17 c. Constructing portage trails circumventing low head  
1 18 dams, including the construction of appropriate landing and  
1 19 launching sites.  
1 20 d. Recommending designs for low head dams to reduce  
1 21 incidents of drowning.  
1 22 e. Providing for cost=effective remediation, including the  
1 23 removal or modification of low head dams.  
1 24 3. The department shall award moneys to owners of low head  
1 25 dams on a cost=share basis. The department, in executing a  
1 26 cost=share agreement with a participating owner of a low head  
1 27 dam, shall not award more than fifty percent of the costs  
1 28 necessary to accomplish the remediation project.  
1 29 4. The department shall adopt rules providing a schedule  
1 30 for the allocation of moneys received by the department to  
1 31 support the program. The schedule shall allocate the moneys  
1 32 on a percentage basis to finance hazard control objectives as  
1 33 provided in this section.

1 34 EXPLANATION  
1 35 This bill establishes a low head dam public hazard program  
2 1 to reduce the incidents of drowning due to dangers associated  
2 2 with coming within the proximity of a traditionally designed  
2 3 low head dam. The program is to be administered by the  
2 4 department of natural resources which may adopt rules to  
2 5 inventory low head dams, provide for education, construct  
2 6 portage trails, recommend improved designs, and provide for  
2 7 the remediation of hazards. The department may award moneys  
2 8 to support cost=effective remediation efforts. The department  
2 9 may execute cost=share agreements with owners of low head dams  
2 10 to accomplish the remediation.  
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